

Top Tips for answering SQA questions

1. Describe and justify.

Consider what the artist has done and the effect it has on the painting.

- *'Picasso uses thick black outlines in his painting'*. **(0 marks)**
- *'Picasso uses thick black outlines to emphasise the figure in his painting'*. **(1 mark)**
- *'Edvard Munch uses lots of red paint in his painting'* **(0 marks)**
- *'Munch uses lots of red paint which creates an eerie atmosphere because the red reminds me of blood'*. **(1 mark)**

2. Use the words of the question in your answer.

3. Keep writing.

You will never lose marks for wrong answers so it makes sense to write everything you can think of to gain extra marks.

4. Use the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk) for past papers and marking schemes.